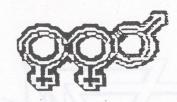


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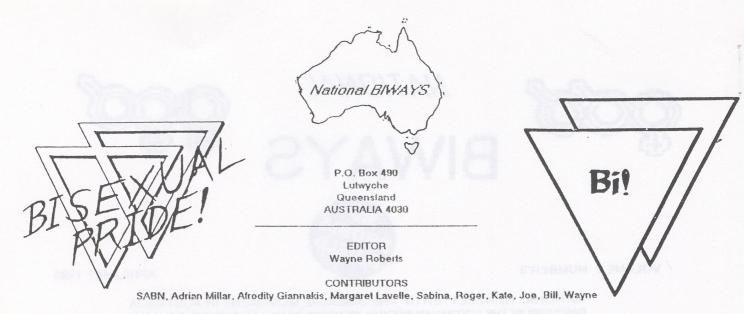


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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people in Australia.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that National BIWAYS will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of the newsletter, we will challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in all existing gay and lesbian communities, in lesbian and gay politics and in HIV/AIDS issues, research and education.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We supports the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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Together We Stand...

In our joint struggle against the world wide patriarchy, we need as much power as we can get. This power is available to us through solidarity. When a woman oppresses another woman because she is different, it divides us and reduces our collective power. Why discriminate against each other? In fact discrimination is one of the major divisive tools of the patriarchy and through it we perpetuate our own disempowerment.

As women who feel strongly about the position of women in the world, we feel that it is counter productive to women's issues in general to be heterophobic or biphobic. We need to be united as women regardless of where in the spectrum of sexualities we decide to stand at a given time.

The 'Lesbian Aesthetic' assumes we all experience woman to woman interactions in a similar way. An assault on biphobia is an assertion of our right to a social, political and sexual existence that is not separated from that of our lesbian or heterosexual sisters. Please don't cut us out of your lives because we choose different things. Let us stand together and share our womaness. Why stand alone?

It seems so easy for us to judge each other in our anger at our own poor treatment. Perhaps we need to treat each other well as a model of how we want the world to treat us. Otherwise we risk being doomed to failure by our own prejudices. One of our great strengths as women is our ability to extend love and acceptance. Let us use it to our advantage.

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I Love being different I Love it that you are different to me

Our strength is in standing together being different

Range change divergity these all exist naturally and so it is with sexuality

More power to us in our acceptance of each other it is a healing thing

SYDNEY BISEXUAL SUPPORT NETWORK

previously known as L.I.B. For information on meetings & activities contact KATE (02) 698 1801 or PATRICK (02) 363 9547. Bisexual PROUD

POETRY.

REALITY? In my dreams

I find relief

I break the barriers

And laugh at them

With infectious laughter

I wander with you

In unknown streets

Feeling we'been together

for eternity.

Afrodity Giannakis, 25/3/93 Sydney. N.S.W.

Margaret. Adelside, S.A.





VERLAINE: Prince of Poets.

Paul Verlaine (1844 - 1896), French poet, must be hailed as a man before his time. Founder of the Symbolist movement, a true Decadent and called the Prince of Poets was the last great bohemian. He threw himself lustily into women, men, religion, intoxication and poetry with equal passion. He wrote some of the greatest religious poetry in the French language. He also wrote some of the most erotic, sensual, outrageous, coarse and tender poetry and writings of all time. Some would call it pornographic as it describes in explicit details men fucking and sucking other men, men and women, and he even wrote six lesbian sonnets which were published in 1867 in Brussels as Les Amies, the first book of three that comprise his Erotic Works. Femmes appeared in 1890 and reflected the poets heterosexual encounters with Parisian female friends and prostitutes. Hombres, the third book comprised poems of male love and the poet's encounters with young men. Written mostly in 1891, it was published after his death sometime around 1903-04.

Paul Verlaine was bisexual whose homoerotic activity began in his teens and continued side by side with his heterosexual exploits. In 1870 he married Mathilde Maute and briefly settled down. In 1871 Verlaine received a letter with several extraordinary poems enclosed, from a youth named Arthur Rimbaud. Verlaine replied sending him a money order for car fare to come to Paris. Thus into his life came the conceited, slovenly, deliberately crude 16 year old brat with adorable blue eyes.

Rimbaud was the dominant partner in their relationship, intellectually and physically and by some accounts performed such acts as slashing Verlaine across the chest with a knife during sexual intercourse. Their stormy, drunken affair provoked scorn and scandal as they as they wandered like tramps through France. Belgium and England to fee from bourgeois respectability. It wrecked Verlaine's marriage and the affair ended for all practical purposes in 1873 when Verlaine was sentenced to two years jail for wounding Rimbaud in an argument. A few of Verlaine's poems from Alan Stone's translated edition of Brotic Works, Hen & Women (1985) are reproduced here so that you may understand the powerful erotic nature of Verlaine.

Alan Stone has translated and researched the Brotic Works and other volumes of Verlaine's poetry to give us an excellent book of these erotic and powerful poems which remain as close as possible to the literal meaning of the French originals. Men & Women is the translated version of Verlaine's Brotic Works by Alan Stone with an Introduction and Commentary by Stone. It was published as A Comet Book in 1985 by the Paperback Division of W.H.Allen & Co., London. It was first published in the USA by Harmony Books in 1984 under the title, Royal Tastes and an edition

entitled Women and Men was published in a slightly different form by The Stonehill Publishing Company in 1980. Copyright is with Alan Stone as the book is listed as ISBN 0-86379-093-3 for anyone wishing to look it up in a library. Some of the illustrations from Men & Women have been used throughout this issue of National BIWAYS.



ON THE BALCONY

The twosome watched the swallows take wing; one raven-haired with skin like milk, one all blonde and rosy, their silk nightgowns loosely undulating.

While asphodels lay languishing and the soft, round moon climbed uphill, both savored the sad bliss of guiltless hearts and the stillness of the evening.

Moist arms girdling each other's waist, odd couple pitying those more chaste, thus on the balcony the young girls dreamt.

Behind them, in the dark, opulent room, matching an empress's throne for pomp, the perfumed Bed lay waiting in the gloom.

Found in Les Amies.

VERLAINE POETRY.

WARNING explicit words are found in Verlaine's poems.

LOVE NOTE FOR LILY

My good little townswoman,

tonight I was hoping you'd visit me, do knock on my door and come in and we'll go on a shameful spree

of quick or leisurely lays just geared to satisfy my lusts, likewise your daintier itch. First I'll kiss your lips (guess which?) polishing off my whole dessert, and I'll be sure to exert myself like I always do with a bold technique that's subtle too! You'll run your pretty fingers through my reddish-brown apostle's beard while I stroke and play with yours, and on your lily-white breast where my passion makes roses sprout I'll plant my incandescent mouth.

My arms, summoning their skill, will dizzily hug the goodies below your waist and lower still. Then my hands, after sparring with hands hot for battle, will dole out a fond spanking to your gorgeous ass which, full

my gravity-beam to your center.

to bursting, will pull

BISEXUAL VISIBLE AND INDIVISIBLE

My turn to knock. O whisper: "Enter!" Found in Femmes .

From Men + Women" 1985 translation of Paul Verlaine's "Erotic Works" by Alan Stone.

SONG OF THE PRICK . . .

It's just a smaller heart with its tip in the air, symbol proud and fair, tender aching heart.

Its teardrops so large sear like flames of hell, longer than a farewell, white as cunt discharge.

In a violet crown clad, if only it would stay! Such delight comes our way when it wants to be had.

Like a priest with handsful of oil at high mass whose blessings now pass from altar to chancel.

It wears its sacred ring, amethyst and jism, from night's dark chasm to the dawn's awakening.

Then when mass is said, discharged well and good, it furls back its hood on its pretty head.

Found in Hombres





ITS ADAM AND EVE.... NO ITS ADAM AND STEVE....

AND ADEL AND EVE.

A story by Wayne

WARNING explicit words

In the beginning according to the most popular book on Barth, there was Adam and Eve. They lived in a paradise, a virtual Garden of Eden. They were provided with almost everything one could imagine. Like many a young person they had a curious and somewhat rebellious nature and disobeyed their Maker. As an "eminent" Australian once said, "Life wasn't meant to be easy", and young Adam and Eve were cast out of their home for their disobedience not unlike so many other young guys and girls are these days.

Well life on the outside was not easy for Adam and Eve with few jobs, poor housing, no experience but it did prove adventurous and sometimes fun. They experienced many a different thing and met many different people. They went to parties, slept in late, went to more parties, learned what alcohol and drugs were all about, well not learned, just indulged.

At one of these parties they met Adel and Steve. They formed a close friendship, went about everywhere together and eventually moved into a house together. Late one night after another party and the girls had gone to bed, the boys began to play. They were feeling close like most mates do at some time or another. They were feeling really horny too. A brush on the arm, a glance here and there, eyes meeting, led Adam and Steve to partake of the pleasures each had to offer. They sucked each other's cocks. They caressed and fondled, licked arse and nipple. They even kissed with a passion, with a burning fire of lust for each other. There could be no holding back now. Adam and Steve fucked each other there in the lounge room while their girlfriends slept.

It was only late the next day when they emerged from their rooms, did they start to think about what they had done. Their immediate reactions were embarrassment and guilt. They could not speak about it, nor could they look each other in the face. It was late evening before Steve broke the ice and only after they had a couple of cones and relaxed. Steve told Adam how much he had enjoyed what they had shared together and was eager to do it again. Adam admitted he to had enjoyed the experience but that he did not think he would do it again. He said he loved Eve and was going to be truthful to her. That night in bed with Eve, Adam told her of his lovemaking with Steve. Surprisingly Eve was understanding and confided that she would like to get together with Adel. Maybe they could organise a foursome and that way she could taste the delights Adel had to offer, delights that have been only in her fantasies. Though Adam felt confused about his feelings and the prospect of being with Steve again, he was innerly aroused by the though of Steve's big cock in his mouth again.

A week later the four were home having a few drinks and cones. The cards were brought out and they decided giggling to each other they would have a game of Strip Poker. As the clothes began to peel away bit by bit from each of them, the game became more daring. Before long they were all stripped. Then the looser had to kiss the winner on the nipple, next it was on the mouth and then on the genitals. Before long they were all making out together on the loungeroom floor. Eve's fantasies were now being fulfilled and more. Over the next few weeks, their sexual activity together increased to almost every night. They felt their friendship, their closeness was now complete as they shared the most intimate of relations together. They were as one loving family.

As time went by what emerged was Eve and Adel pairing off more and more. While Adam and Steve were happy to be together, Adam found himself having less and less sexual contact with Eve. They all however felt sexually liberated and decided to check out the gay and lesbian pubs and clubs for a change. They soon found that the big guys on the doors were not all that friendly to opposite sex couples. They found it less of a hassle to pair off as same sex couple to get in. They loved the club music and atmosphere, the shows and the general friendliness of the people. Adam and Steve got on well with the other guys and soon started hanging out with a group of them. Steve even called in from time to time by himself. He loved the gay scene and before long started to take on the images of the other gay guys.

Adel and Eve also became more involved in the lesbian scene including political issues. They dared not reveal to the dykes that Steve and Adam were their boyfriends and that they slept with them though infrequent as it had become. Eve even went as far as having her lovely long hair cut really short much to the dislike of Adam. Eve started calling herself a lesbian when out of range from Adam. Steve too was saying to his other friends he was gay.

Major changes were about to enter their lives. Next month find out how Steve discovers beats and how HIV now becomes a threat to them all. Find out why Adam goes for counselling and will Eve and Adel like living in an all lesbian household. Tune in next month for - Adam and Eve On The Road To Discovery.



LETTERS.

Dear National BIWAYS,
Thanks for your/our publication!
I will be subscribing and becoming a member in the near future. I live in a very redneck town that is grappling with it's own identity crisis - Right wing National Party vs Left wing Greens.

I know my identity and it is great to read the stories of other people who acknowledge theirs as well.

I would like to become more active in the burgeoning bisexual awareness this publication helps to propagate.

Yours sincerely
Darren B.
Murwillumbah, NSW.
24/3/93

Dear Wayne & National BIWAYS, I'm just writing to say that I've changed address from Scarborough to the above address.

I really like the look of the National newsletter, its really growing up! The photos from "Rosy" (Issue 2. No 2) were just great, maybe we could have more of the same in future! I'd send you guys some money right now but I'm a little short at the moment so maybe next month?!?! So in the meantime, Enjoy, Enjoy, Enjoy!!

Regards Joshua L. Maylands, WA.

[Ed. Thanks for the encouragement guys. We would love to have more letters of support, constructive criticism, offers of help from our readers. It is apparent that not everyone is comfortable with shots like those from Rosy, so should National BIWAYS run similar pics in any future issues they will be in a special sealed section with a warning. More effort but we do not want to cut

out any bisexual people from reading or getting National BIWAYS.

Dear Sir, Would you please send me a copy of your publication "National BIWAYS".

Yours Sincerely L. P......
Mackay, Qld.

P.S. Congratulations on the name....its a pearl.



DEAR AUSTRALIAN BISEXUAL NETWORK.

I would like to introduce you to a new service for LESBIANS and GAY MEN, recently established in Queensland. GAY-ACCOMMODATION is part of Australia's largest network of share accommodation services.

Affiliates under the name of "Gay-Share" are the market leaders in Melbourne and Adelaide, having been committed to serving the gay and lesbian community for over 2 years. We aim to provide a similar service in Queensland.

The service commences with a registration interview which is done either in person in our centrally located office, or over the phone.

Extensive details are taken so that we can effectively cross-match the requirements of those who are looking for accommodation (seekers) and those with accommodation to offer (occupiers).

Those who register with GAY-ACCOMMODATION will find that our service alleviates hassles such as crank/abusive calls, wasted time by the phone, and the disappointment of unkept appointments/promises.

We offer a cost-effective and time-saving service. We are a PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL and PERSONAL agency.

If you have any questions do not hesistate to contact us on (07) 854 1308 - we would be happy to hear from you.

P.S. IF YOU HAVE ANY POSTERS OR SROCHURES. YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND US I WOULD BE NAPPY TO DISPLAY THEM IN OUR OFFICE!

"Kate.

THE COUNTRY NETWORK

P O BOX 236, ROZELLE, 2039.

The President

Dear Friend

I am writing to you as Coordinator (President) of our organisation on a good-will mission. For many months now we have been doing some soul-searching as to how we may better involve ourselves in the larger gay/lesbian community of which we are a part.

We have maintained a very low profile throughout our sixteen years, primarily because we were founded way back in 1977 to give support to isolated gays, usually country based, who through homophobia in their rural areas, or for family or other social reasons could not be seen to be gay. We operate through a confidential membership list which identifies our members only to other members, and thereby allows contact between them, I am enclosing an info sheet which says a little more about us.

Traditionally we have extended our membership by word of mouth and recommendations from our existing members and some of the various counselling and service groups around Australia. We are writing to you as one of those organisations to either introduce ourselves, or to reinforce any knowledge you may already have of our operation.

I know, as you certainly would through your work in the community, that there are a lot of gays who desperately need and would benefit from what we offer, contacts with other members who are described in our membership list by location (nation-wide), age and interests. We use our membership, by telephone and correspondence, for contacts locally, whist on holidays or business trips, personally arranged cross-wisting, and the always valuable contacts and hospitality (if arranged in advance) when country members go to the cities, or the city people go bush.

May I suggest you include reference to our service in your files, newsletter or magazine, with excerpts from the attached, Alternatively you may be willing to display this letter and/or the info sheet at meetings or gatherings. As the info sheet says, any interested parry simply writes to us at the above address, and we will send them further details and an application form like the one which is enclosed for general reference.

Through personal member contact we have established very close liaison with both the principal Sydney and Perth, Counselling Services, and I am sure they would happily recommend you do the same. Through my own resources or through our local contact in your area, we would be delighted to assist you in setting up a procedure which would simplify awareness amongst your members and dissemination of our data as we have done in Perth and Sydney.

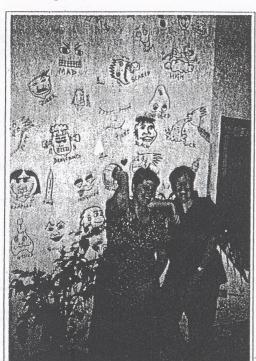
With our best wishes and love to you all, in the interests of those in our community who seek help.

In May the Second Story Youth Health Centre at 57 Hyde St. Adelaide, will start a new project specifically for young lesbian and bisexual women, the first of its kind in S.A.

Over the last eighteen months many people have given support for a programme which addresses the health and social needs of young lesbians. Karen Grogan, Director

of the Centre said, "I'm not gay myself, but I've worked with young people for some time, and talked to people here and realized the need for a programme aimed at young lesbian and bisexual women. As you know. Second Story has successful project going for young gay men. it's workshop and dropin called 'Work it out'. I also wanted equity as a youth health centre, and supported Lesley in putting this new programme together".

Lesley Sampson is a health



Karen Grogan and Leslie Sampson

worker at 'Streetlink', a health and counselling | that something very worthwhile can be done service for homeless young people. Lesley | for lesbian and bisexual women here".

New Young Lesbian & Project New Young Lesbian je Womens project
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spends two days a week at Second Story and has been busy putting together the Young Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Group Programme.

I asked her why she thinks that Second Story is a suitable place for a project of this kind.

"Second Story has a very good resource base and men's programme is running well. Good support is available for young women too. With Karen's enthusiasm and backing I think

What community support do you have for the project?

"I've consulted with other lesbians and have formed an advisory group which will provide support and information and help set up the programme. This support comes from womens' health centres, the Youth Sector Training Council, The Young Mothers Project, the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service and the Northern Suburbs Gay Youth Theatre Project. We are of course looking for further support from other community groups.

Why did you include young bisexual women in the programme?

"So as to be inclusive and upfront. Young women are questioning their sexuality, discovering their sexuality and wanting to talk about it. The programme will be for those 25 and under. We could possibly target a specific age group and The Advisory Group will help on this".

KAREN: "We have a vision for the future too. We'll look at the process and programme and then prepare an evaluation that can be handed to other Agencies and advocates for young women. This can mean further programmes at Second Story in the future'

What issues will the project he looking at? LESLEY: "Being a young woman in society and being a young leshian in that society. Issues around communication and relationships. The coming out process and conflict resolution. Body image, self-identity and self-esteem. The pub scene, health, alcohol and drugs. Sexual health including safe-sex information. Parenting - how to deal with issues around children. Also the relationship between young lesbians and older lesbians. As an outcome I'd like to establish a support network of resources and caring. Also, hopefully a Peer Education and Training Programme will be formed where members of the group will not only meet others, have fun and learn about themselves and their sexuality, but help in the planning and direction of the programme.

The Young Lesbians and Bisexual Womens' Group has been in the planning stages for the past 18 months. Now Second Story is about to put it into action. The projected starting date is May. If you want to join the Group, or if you would like to give suggestions and input, contact Lesley on 232 0233 Wednesday & Thursday or 233 6821 Monday, Tuesday & Friday. The programme will run over 5 or 6 weeks. Each session will be for 2 or 3 hours. Childcare will be provided upon request. Second Story would like to thank all the women and gay men who have given support in getting the project ready to go.

HE COUNTRY NETWORK!!

The Country Network was founded to offer a way of making social contact through access to the Network's membership. It has been operating sucessfully throughout Australia for more than sixteen years, offering its service and facilities to both country and city folk. It now boasts a membership in excess of 300. This can mean new friends, locally and Australia-wide: face to face contact, correspondence, a friendly voice on the other end of a telephone line or something a little more physical.

It is non-judgmental of its members in every respect and non-obligatory other than to appear on the membership list; only asking for a commitment to its ideals and confidentiality. With its membership spread through rural areas, country towns and the cities, it offers contact with all kinds of people over a wide age range and with varying interests.

What The Country Network offers is quite different to the one-community based social groups where the emphasis is on local social events and regular gettogethers. The Country Network operates nationally, and offers contact in that broader scale, without regular organised activities. We do meet nationally twice a year, and locally from time to time.

Membership inquiries from gay men or women can be addressed to -

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With Adrian Millar

PLOUGHING COMMON GROUND

AT LAST MONTH'S PRIDE AND Prejudice forum, the question of discrimination by fellow community members was addressed, revealing an appalling degree of discrimination within our community. It is inexcusable that people who have suffered so much through homophobia should in turn oppress fellow community members.

Some of us evidently go through life wearing blinkers; blind to racism, sexism, ageism, biphobia and the discrimination towards people affected by transgender and sexwork issues. We seem to be blind to the basic fabric of our community.

At the forum, biphobia was dealt with for some time. To my surprise nobody at the forum protested. There was a genuine atmosphere of the community beginning to listen to what people of bisexual orientation were saying.

Several bisexually oriented women spoke (some identifying as dykes), as did some bisexually oriented transgender people and myself. For the first time since coming out as bisexual, I felt that I was being recognised as a member of the community as a whole.

Of course, I may have been projecting this wonderful atmosphere onto the rest of the lesbian and gay community, but it got me thinking about what it is that many bisexually oriented people

have in common with the lesbian and gav community.

The most immediate connection is that a proportion of the lesbian and gay community is constituted by people of bisexual orientation. Their oppression by fellow lesbians and gay men appears to have its roots in a number of assumptions, which run deeply into identity foundations.

When discussing 'bisexuality', some lesbians and gays assume they're not talking about themselves. I think this assumption is most commonly informed by one of two beliefs.

One belief is that lesbian and gay identity originates out of the oppression of those who are out about having sex with *only* women or men. While this belief might be true for that individual, there are problems in projecting that particular identity meaning upon other lesbians and gays.

Firstly, many lesbians and gay men have had and continue to have sex with the other sex. Secondly, it encourages lesbians and gay men to be silent about their sexual orientation in order to avoid exclusion from their community.

This silence in turn gives credence to the myth that lesbians and gay men are disinterested in the other sex, which ultimately makes it difficult to get HIV and other STD information directed where it is needed.

The second belief is that lesbian and gay identity originates out of the oppression of those who are out about their preference to have sex with either women or men. While this belief does allow for bisexual orientation, it doesn't go far enough to encompass the full scope of lesbian and gay identity; for there are also many lesbians and gay men who, while acknowledging their attraction to the other sex, believe it is politically and/or socially important to stress their attraction for the same sex.

Such a person can have a preference for the other sex, while feeling perfectly comfortable with a lesbian or gay identity.

Perhaps a solution to the dilemma would be to describe lesbian and gay identity as originating out of the oppression of those who are out about not obeying the social rules of compulsory heterosexism.

This perspective is inclusive for the above mentioned lesbian and gay identified people, but also opens the way for a uniform alliance between bisexually orientated people who previously felt that popular lesbian and gay identity meanings were too exclusive, by making clear what these bisexuals have in common with the lesbians and gay men who had previously oppressed them.

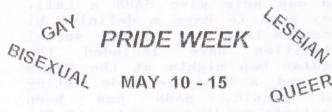
Here are some examples of

where, like it or not, lesbians and gay men have been sharing oppression with bisexually identified people.

Consider the British newspaper last year reporting the death of a celebrity due to AIDS-related illness: the celebrity 'DIED OF BISEXUALITY'! If the tabloids had written that about a lesbian or gay celebrity, there would have been an uproar. But the mainstream press knows it can get away with it, so they repeat the same lie that people die from their sickening sexuality. It is a direct insult to those whose sexuality runs counter to compulsory heterosexuality.

Consider Sharon Stone in Basic Instinct; lesbians protested that her role was reinforcing stereotypical portrayals of lesbians. But it much more explicitly related to bisexual women. In this instance, the lesbian community picked up on the insults the role was making about sexual 'deviants', which we have in common.

The lesbian and gay community should draw on its collective resources and those, as yet, largely untapped resources that the community has in its past rejected: namely, bisexually orientated people who have rejected compulsory heterosexuality in their own lives, and who will be there when our backs are up against the wall.



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ADELAIDE BISEXUAL PRIDE

Things have really been happening in Sydney as of late. Love Is Boundless (L.I.B.) has tentatively changed it's name to Sydney Bisexual Support Network as members felt a stronger bisexual identity needed to be reflected in the name. Sydney already has a transgender group so those transgender people involved in LIB did not object. Kate featured in the Campaign article in the last issue National BIWAYS has become a contact for the group along with Patrick (Pat). To be featured on Channel 9's SEX program on April 22nd or is that April 29th will be Pat and fellow SBSN member Andy. Make sure you tune in.

Norrie-May Welby an original member of LIB and on the and on the committee of Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, was kick off the GLRL committee reportedly for her outspoken views and push for greater rights for transgender people. The gay press picked up the story on their front page and there were calls of discrimination. Outrage followed with some members of GLRL Committee resigning protest over Norrie's removal. The Lobby now faces elections to fill the positions. It is rumoured that transgender rights "activists", Aidy and Norrie may contest and SBSN is hoping to get a bisexual on to the Lobby. The Lobby has long avoided bisexuality issue and open support for our rights. formation in February of a national body, the Australian Council for Gay and Lesbian Rights, gave as it's platform support for the rights of gay men, lesbians and transgender people. Strong representation by Lobby members at the Feb. 25th Sydney meeting may

contributed to the omission of bisexual people from the charter. Let us hope that once proper state delegates are elected the will amend the charter to include us.

In Melbourne, the La Trobe In Melbourne, the La Trobe University's Bi-Friendly Group are to produce their own newsletter. Joe has also pledged that any articles worth national coverage will be sent to National BIWAYS. Bill from the Project has also informed us their newsletter is out and a copy is on its way. There is no further news of a Melbourne or Victorian Bi Network forming. ABN hopes to take up Bill's offer of an advertisement in a Victorian newspaper soon so that we can let Victorian bisexuals know of our existence and that of BIWAYS.

Adelaide's S.A. Bisexual Network has secured a permanent (non-gay) meeting venue. They are also gearing up for Gay Pride Week (May 10 to 15) at the University campuses. If you live in Adelaide and can help give SABN a call. They plan to have a definite bi presence this year. Recent social activities have included the regular bop nights at the Beans Bar and a Bi-cycle ride outing picnic. SABN has regularly sending up material for BIWAYS and articles also go to lesbian and gay publications. Good on you SABN. They have also been asked to run bisexuality awareness workshops for the Gay & Lesbian Counselling Service in Adelaide.

Wayne recently visited Perth for his graduation and sadly it appears that no Perth groups are operating. Interest in BIWAYS is still there but it appears what is needed is a keen person or persons to co-ordinate social

VICTORIAN BISEXUAL

LA TROBE BI-FRIENDLY GROUP

BRISBANE BI GROUP

bis activities for interested. new contact person/s is/are needed in Perth no longer wishes to this roll due to his new duties on the Board of the AIDS Council. Please contact us at ABN if you can help out in Perth or Bunbury.

QBN Brisbane is slowly increasing their numbers but we are only getting a few to our social activities. We now have around 60 list for Brisbane the and new enquiries week. Abn is hosting the Forum on Bisexuality at the Sitting 19th. April Enquiries bisexual particularly 20's their early have The very encouraging. Forum will look at issues of discrimination, lack of support biphobia youth existing bisexual from organisations and issues relationships and parenting. Brisbane is gearing up for Pride and July and a Queer Conference is being planned for sometime in June. Wayne has doing his regular 4ZZZ on their Queer Radio most Wednesdays. He has program to address the asked Men's Married about bisexuality on April 22nd. QBN Brisbane Group's next social outing is to a coffee shop on April 29th and their next social meeting will be at the Resistance 29-33 Terrace Street New Farm at 6pm on May 20th. starts work at Miami on the Gold Coast from May 4th but will still act out of Brisbane.

May 20

SOCIAL GATHERING

Resistance Centre 29 - 33 Terrace Street NEW FARM 6 - 8pm Coffee/tea/beers on sale.

boy + girl is not always straight BISEXUAL PRIDE

QUEENSLAND **BISEXUAL NETWORK** Brisbane Bi Group

April 29

COFFEE AT SOUTH BANK

Meet on steps to Performing Arts Centre Melbourne Street 8.00 - 8.10pm Don't be late!

May 1 & 2

BI COASTAL

One or two days at Coolum Beach on SUNSHINE COAST meet at house at Coolum 9.30 - 10.30am Saturday or Sunday Saturday overnighters bring air mat & for sleeping bag, blankets. Ring Wayne to reserve your spot (07) 857 2774 a/h or Write to QBN PO Box 490 **LUTWYCHE 4030** for directional map. Cost \$2 day \$5 overnight excluding meals coffee/tea included.

We may attend this Sat. night dance DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY So bring MONEY ifstaying

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This raunchy but unsafe story of bi-sex comes from a toilet WARNING!! The Language at Hamilton in Brisbane. offend some readers. Remember to have only safe sex.

I was down at By ron Bay with my girlfriend a few years ago & we picked up this guy (he was about 17 or 18 & built) who needed somewhere to stay. Only the night before Tracey & I were talking about having a threesome. She loved getting fucked really hard & getting something (finger, carrot, what ever) shoved up her arse at the same time. Well we offered this guy a place to sleep for a few nights at our place after quickly looking at each other & smiling. We worked it out that I would go into town & she would start him off & I would walk in. I got back from town to find a note saying they were down the back by the mill-stream. I got down there to find this massive guy has Tracey bent over a branch sliding his tool slowly in & out of her arse & playing with her nipples. I just walked up wanking, so even though he was shocked, he didn't stop. i went down to her cunt, pushing my tongue in out past her clit and then went through her legs to lick this guy's balls & arse. His fucking tool was massive, as thick as my forearm and his thighs and arse were huge & rippled with nuscle. This really turned me on seeing him pound into Tracey. Tracey lay on her side & both he and I went up her (one each end) - man that is the best feeling, I could feel his cock pumping up her arse through a thin sheath of skin separating her cunt. Tracey was out of her mind, her nipples were so hard & she was just juicing everywhere. The guy pulled out & tried to get up Tracey's gash too but I was quite happy & pushed him down. He sucked & licked as my fat cock pumped in & out of her wet cunt. He then mounted me while I was still fucking her & started to rub his tool up the crack of my arse, while pushing me harder into Tracey. She was off her face and grabbing me really tight and started saying, "Fuck him. Show him what its like". With this I felt the guy power down on me pinning me on Tracey as she grabbed even tighter. He was lubing my arse up & pushing harder & harder. Tracey & he were talking dirty to each other about fucking me & really getting off on it. I was packing death & absolutely spinning like no drug had affected me before. He was ramming me & it was only a matter of time before he broke through. The motion was really horny though & I was still fucking Tracey & they were both "screwing" my nipples and it was great! Then he rammed through, the pain was unbelievable. By this time I was flat on the ground, Tracey was standing over me & he was eating her cunt out while he was fucking me. She shoved some amyl under my nose as I took this guy's tool deeper & deeper up my arse. I couldn't believe how good it was feeling, especially when Tracey mounted herself up again & I started ramming her with him still up my arse. I was off my face. I was

orgasming up my arse! This guy was relentless, he just kept ramming & ramming until I fucking had to blow the biggest load ever. Tracey had her face there & must have caught every drop & then he came over and absolutely covered her tits with cum!

This was my first but not my last fuck! My girlfriend helped rape me! And I fucking enjoyed it.

WANTED

Stories, articles, poetry, jokes, drawings, cartoons, personal life stories and bi histories, book reviews, film reviews, news items, paper clippings, anything of an interest to bisexual people or their partners or from bisexual people with some underlying bisexual theme. We would particularly like material from bi women, bisexual Aborigines and Torres Islanders, bisexuals from non English speaking backgrounds, bisexuals from various religious backgrounds, groups that include bisexuals and from teenage or young bisexuals.

Deadline for next issue is May 14th.

BISEXUAL MEN & WOMEN NEEDED AS VOLUNTEERS FOR BRISBANE BI-LINE.



We urgently need volunteers to train as Telephone Counsellors.

We are aiming to providing a support, information and referral service for Bi-sexual people and their part-

This project is an initiative of the Queensland AIDS Council.

Please phone Ian Riddell on (07) 844 1990 for more information about this essential service.

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SAFE SEX TIPS FOR COUPLES.

There would appear to be quite a lot of couples out there who "swing" with other couples or with other women or men, be they straight, bi or gay/lesbian. Just because you are a couple or you get with a couple doesn't mean you will be safe from contracting HIV, the virus that results in AIDS or from other sexually transmitted diseases like herpes, genital warts or Hepatitis B or C. Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy sex or prevent you from giving someone else what you may already have.

- 1. Bisexual women and lesbians are not immune to HIV infection so don't think you are safe if you get with other women or couples. Never fuck without using condoms! Never share vibrators or other sex toys without washing them in between use by different people. Wash twice in water, twice in bleach, then twice in water again or you can use a clean condon on them for each person using them. A little water based lube will make them more comfortable. HIV is found in the secretions of the vagina (cunt), the rectum (arse) and those from the penis (cock) as well as in blood and breast milk of women or men who carry the virus. They may show no signs whatever of infection. Never put fingers, fists or other devices into the vagina or up the arse of other people and then up you and visa versa. HIV could be transmitted from one person to another.
- 2. Guys should always use a different clean condom when swapping from one female partner to another or from a male partner to a female and visa versa or between different male partners during group sessions. Remember unprotected vaginal or anal intercourse are high risk activities for the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. It is not good enough to pull out before coming. HIV is in the vaginal, rectal and penile passages of someone with the disease. Contact is enough to cause infection. Do not use semen to masturbate with.
- 3. Oral sex (sucking the penis or licking/tonguing the vagina or anus) is a low risk for HIV transmission provided the is no broken skin, cuts, sores, ulcers in the mouth, on the lips or genitals and anus. Unprotected oral sex can transmit other diseases such as Hep. B and parasites (worms) from the anal region. Where worried or a person is aware of a HIV positive status and wishes to take precautions, why not suck or be sucked using a flavoured condom. For women use dental dams (iollies), a cut open condom or non-microwavable cling wrap to tongue and lick the vagina and clit. These can also be used safely for rimming the arse hole. Avoid sucking or licking blood and try to avoid cum in the mouth.

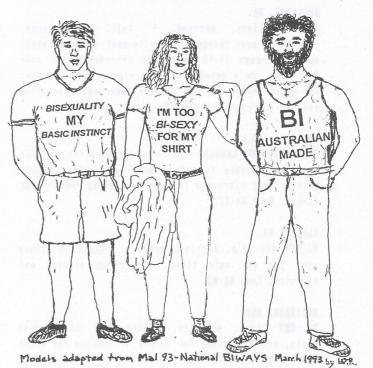
There is no reason why safe sex can not be fun sex with a little imagination. Give it a try if you are not already practising safe sex with all your partners. People with

HIV have a right to enjoy sex just as much as those without HIV. We all have a responsibility not to spread this virus further and that can be done through common sense and safe sex.

BADGES and T-SHIRTS.

ABN has thought up some interesting slogans and logos for use on badges and T-shirts. There are also the old favourites you have seen through-out previous newsletter. If you want to purchase any of the slogans as a badge or sticker write to us with the slogan of your choice along with \$2 for badges and 20cents for stickers plus postage.

For T-shirts write to us with your size, colour and the selected design from those given right and a SAE and we will quote you know a price.



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ADELAIDE, SA.

BI GUY 45yrs, married, 6' tall, good looks, interested most things, wishes to meet other straight acting bi-guys 20-45 years for friendship and safe fun times. Only genuine replies please, phone number for quick reply, but all replies answered. Discretion assured and expected. Code SA-Al.

ADBLAIDE, SA.

BI TDENTIFIED LESSIAN who is a disabilities and HIV counsellor wishes to make contact with other people particularly bisexuals in same or similar counselling fields. Code SA-T1.

ALBANY, WA.

BI GUY mid 40's, married, seeks Bi couple in Albany area for fun safe times, discretion assured and expected. Code WA-M2.

BRISBANB, QLD

BI GUY 26yrs, tall, fit, healthy, long hair, good looks, novice looking for Bi guy or couples for first time experience. Code QD-S1.

BRISBANE, QLD.

BI GUY 30's, easy going, tall, slim, good sense of humour, athletic & fun to be with. Would like to meet Bi lady/couple for friendship. Code QD-M2.

BRISBANE, QLD.

BI GUY 37yrs, 6ft, 75kg, straight acting, non-scene, married, hairless body and loves nudity. Interested in naked guys, gentle, non-threating safe sex with guys. Open to discussions with guys of all ages, talking about male & female sex but particularly keen to find guys who can relate to a married guy who is interested in gentle nude sex with other guys. Would like to write to or phone other bisexual guys. Have safe private post box for your letter. Code QD-H1.

QUEENSLAND BISEXUAL NETWORK.

CAIRNS BISEXUAL GROUP.

GBN is hopeful that a Cairns Bisexual Group may form in that city in the near future. If you live in Cairns or the surounding districts and would like be a part of a social group, contact QBN through the ABN address or contact the people at Gay Waves FM in Cairns on any Sunday night.

BRISBANE, QLD.

BI GUY 24 year old seeks couple (male/female) to meet for friendship & mutually rewarding safe sex. I've been predominately gay since adolescence but desperately need help in exploring my sexuality further. Absolute discretion assured/expected. Phone number & photo (returnable) greately appreciated. Code QD-P1.

BRISBANE, QLD.

B) GUV young 38yrs, tall, slim, single, passionate, likes beach, bush, safe fun times & loves to give oral would like to meet similar minded bi guys, girls or couples to 35 years for fun time & friendship, possible relationship. Don't be shy, why not give me a try, at least for coffee or a drink. Code QD-R1.

BRISBANE, QLD.

GAY GUY 29yrs slim, good looking, only into safe sex wishes to meet a young lady or couple for first time sexual experience with woman and explore my desires and sexuality further. Code QD-M1.

KAMBALDA, WA.

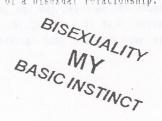
BI GUY 37yrs, married, interested in meeting Ri guys or couples in Kambalda/Kalgoolie area. Interested in most things, safe sex and discretion a must. ALA. Code WA-HI.

MRLBOURNE, VIC.

BI GUY 28yrs, finding it really hard getting into the gay scene and a straight life too boring. Interested in contacting other hisexual people in Melbourne. Am also be visiting Queensland at least twice in 1993. Code VI-SI.

NTH. NSW / S.B. QLD.

BI GUY Hi, I'm a healthy, smootn, versatile, enviro/concious, vegetarian, 25yr old bi guy who gets off on sport, art. dance. the beach but lacks the fulfillment of a bisexual relationship. Code NS-B1.



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I'M TOO BI-SEXY FOR MY SHIRT

PERTH, WA.

BI WOMAN 19yrs, enjoys life, nice looking, sense of humour seeks Bi/gay women for relationship/friendship Phone number appreciated for quick reply. Discretion assured & expected. Code WA-P2.

PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 23yrs, novice, good looking, seeking to meet a Bi couple/s to 35 years of age for discrete safe times. Must be clean. Code WA-W2.

PERTH. WA.

BI GUY 27yrs, single, 6'2", slim build, interests are scubadiving, martial arts, outdoor activities and safe sex. I am seeking a Bisexual guy or Bisexual girl who have similar interests, especially scubadiving. ALA. Code WA-R3.

PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 36yrs seeks Bi male, Bi female or Bi couple for safe times, discretion assured, age & race no barrier, transsexuals welcome. Code WA-W3.

PERTH, WA.

BI GUY 29yrs moves between Perth and Gascoyne District. Interested in meeting other Bi men, women & couples. Code WA-C1.

PERTH. WA.

BI GUY 35yrs slim build 5'7", fair, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, enjoys most things, good sense of humour, easy going would like to meet Bi woman for honest safe future. ALA. Code WA-M1.

PERTH. WA.

BI GUY 40's in process of "coming out". Slim, 5'6", gentle, considerate, non-pushy and discrete. Interested in meeting with Bi couple or Bi lady for friendship/relationship. Please enclose a photo, same returned and ALA. Code WA-H2.

WILL YOU HELP TO ORGANISE PERTH BI MEETINGS & SOCIALS?

PERTH BISEXUAL MEN & WOMEN
NEEDED TO ORGANISE
MEETINGS AND SOCIALS OF
Western Australian Bisexual Network.

A CONTACT PERSON/S ARE NEEDED TO LIASE WITH National BIWAYS & ABN, TO CLEAR PO BOX & DEAL WITH MAIL.

IF YOU CAN HELP AT ALL PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE AT ABN, PO BOX 490 LUTWYCHE, QLD 4030 OR (07) 857 2774 a/h.

PERTH, WA.

BI GUY own business, 44yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress. ALA. Code WA-B2.

PERTH/FREMANTLE, WA.

HBTERO-BI GUY single, 20's seeks guys, girls, transsexuals, 18-25, any nationality for fun times & possible friendship, north of the river from Fremantle to City Beach areas, must be non-pushy, discrete, good sense of humour, easy going, don't mind if you drink or smoke (because I do) & most of all be honest. Only genuine replies please and send your photo & phone number for quick reply. ALA. Code WA-S3.

ROCKINGHAM, WA.

BI GUY 21yrs, single, likes the gym and the beach. Wishing to meet straight acting guys 18 to 25 years especially in the Rockingham & Mandurah areas for safe fun times. Code WA-R2.

SYDNEY. NSW.

BI GUY 21yrs, single, slim, good looking, healthy, non smoker/drinker seeking guy/girl for one to one relationship, not into one nighters. Safe sex and honesty a must. Code NS-C1.

SILKROAD

Social and support group for Asian gay and bisexual men. Workshops, discussions, social activities, etc. Meets every Friday, More info from Arnel on (02) 283-3222.

LIVE IN BUNBURY OR ITS NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA?

Well if you do and you would like to become involved in a social group for bisexual women and men, we would like to hear from you. One of our members, Jacqui, who lives just outside of Bunbury City would like to see a social group establish in the area.

Write to ABN with your address and/or telephone number and we will put you in touch with her. We already have several bi men and women in the area so we already have a nice nucleus for a *Bunbury & Districts Bisexual Group*.

B.A.W.H. GROUP

BISEXUAL AND MARRIED HOMOSEXUAL MEN'S GROUP

The B.A.M.H. Group is for men who are Bisexual and for those men who are married who have sexual contacts with other men.

B.A.M.H. is a project of the AIDS Council of South Australia and has been running for a number of years. The project was first started by Brooke Freedman, the numbers of members has risen and fallen over the years.

There are two groups one which meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month and the second group meets first and third Thursday night of each month.

The group gives men a chance to meet socially to explore the issues around bisexuality and their own issues, which they share with each other.

UNDERSTANDING BISEXUALS

Bisexuals are a diverse group of individuals who appear throughout all sectors of the community.

Bisexuality exists throughout all cultures of the world

Most bisexual men

see their behaviour as an integral part of themselves rather than as an activity to be indulged in or ignored.

ISSUES FOR BISEXUAL MEN

Bisexuality is not part of the macho Australian male

Bisexual men suffer a lack of support from the general community. Unlike gay men, there is no identifiable bisexual community to support their lifestyle.

WHO ARE WE?

The expression of our sexuality is an integral part of ourselves and is a life long growing process.

We who call ourselves bisexual or married homosexual men are both emotionally and sexually attracted to women. We may have erotic feelings about both sexes.

We may be in relationships or be sexually

active with men and women at the same time or at different times.

We are of all ages, cultures and from all sectors of the community. Many of us have children.

LEARNING TO ACCEPT OURSELVES

Our sexuality cannot be denied and should be celebrated. If our bisexuality is subdued or repressed it can often result in our low self esteem, isolation and alienation.

BISEXUAL AND MARRIED MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP (B.A.M.H.)

The support groups offer the opportunity for men to share thoughts and feelings about all the issues above.

For further information contact: B.A.M.H. Mon - Fri 9-4pm 362 1611.

From Adelaide G.T. March 93.

SILENCE - DEATH

In Germany they first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came the Catholics, and didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up.

Pastor Martin Niemoller--Germany, 1945

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ACTION - LIFE

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NEW SOUTH WALES
interested in forming
Bisexual Social Group
contact Kate or Patrick
SYDNEY BISEXUAL SUPPORT NETWORK

Politically

MARCH ON WASHINGTON & BISEXUAL CONFERENCE.

Bi

There's practically a bi festival happening in Washington one April weekend. On Friday the 25th, BiNet USA (the national bisexual network) are having their annual meeting. Saturday has two events: a national conference on bisexuality (a first for the USA, I think), and a Bi Boogie celebration party that evening. These bi happenings are organised by BiNet, the East Coast bi network, and the Alliance of Multicultural Bisexuals (a local group working to "ensure that bisexuals are visible and celebrated in all our diversity". As well as benefitting these organisations, the proceeds will help to fund the international conference in New York next year. And queers of all types and origins will be in town that weekend for the big event on Sunday, the culmination of the lesbian, gay and bi march on Washington.

From Bi-lines Apr. 93.

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-LISTINGS-

Going to the United Kingdom for the northern Summer, then why not contact or visit some of the many bisexual groups in the areas you visit.

National

Bisexual Phonelines: 7.30-9.30pm. 031 557 3620 Thursday. 081 569 7500 Tuesday & Wednesday.

Bisexual Pen-Pals: SSAE to Penpal Scheme, EBG, 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh, EH1 3SA.

Bi-Vocal: Media advocacy group fighting back against biphobia. £1 & SSAE to Jo Eadie, Flat 3, 17 Noel St, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7.

Bisexual Student Network: Contact Malcolm on 051 709 5137.

Bi Men for Men: Radical anti-oppressive, fun, men's network. SAE to Jo Eadie, Flat 3, 17 Noel St, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7.

SM-BI: Network of female & male bisexuals into S&M, coordinated by a biwoman, for friendship, campaigning etc. Write to SM-BI c/o Bifrost.

Quaker Bisexual Group: SSAE to Ben Pink Dandelion, 3/11 Roundhill Crescent, Brighton, BN2 3FQ.

Bisexual Centre Collective: Working toward a national bisexual centre. Write clo 5 Wentworth Court, Garratt Lane, London SW18 4BT.

Local Bisexual Groups.

Edinburgh: Group Thursdays, 8.00pm, 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh, EH1 3SA. Write for details.

Glasgow: Group meets alternate Mondays, 7.30pm, at the Chaplaincy Centre, Strath-clyde University, John St. Phone 041 221 8372.

Leeds: Group meets regular Mondays, Old Red Lion. Write to Ian Aspinall (discreetly), 5 Broughton Ave., Harehills, Leeds, LS9

North East: Covering Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, Co. Durham & Cleveland. Meetings & social activities regularly. New members especially welcome. Contact Gareth or Jilly, NEBG c/o Bifrost.

Preston: Group, write to Preston Bisexual Group, PO Box 375, Preston, PR2 2UP.

Liverpool: Freedom of Sexuality Group. Write clo Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton St., Liverpool, or ring 051 709 5137.

Manchester: Bi Women's Group. Meets 2nd. Thursday of each month, 8.00pm, Gay Centre, 49-51 Sidney St. Write to WBG, PO Box 153, Manchester, M60 1LP, or phone 061 274 3999.

Manchester: Bi Men's Group. Meets 2nd. Monday of each month, 8.00pm, Gay Centre, 49-51 Sidney St. Write to MBG, PO Box 153, Manchester, M60 1LP, or phone 061 274 3814.

Sheffield: Bi Women's Group. Write clo General Office, Voluntary Action, 69 Division St. Sheffield, S1 4GE.

Nottingham: Group meets 2nd. & 4th. Thursdays of each month, 7.30pm., in room 3 of the International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Rd. Women's Group meets 8pm, 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday at Nottingham Women's Centre, Chaucer St. Separate Men's Group also meets. SSAE to Box B, Hiziki, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FE.

Birmingham: Bi Women's Group. Contact Ann or Elinor, BBWG c/o Bifrost.

Staffordshire: Group meets 1st. Tuesday of each month, 8.00pm, upstairs bar, The Observatory, Hillcrest St., Hanley. Ring 0782 266998 or write to Box 15, 2B Hope St, Hanley, S-O-T.

Leicester: Group meets 2nd. Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm, at Gayline coffee bar, 45 King St., Leicester. Ring 0533 550667 7.30pm-10.00pm. (minicom).

Norwich: SSAE to EABN clo Bifrost.

Thames Valley: Group located in Oxford. Aims to provide a nucleus for forming groups in the surrounding area. Open to anyone. Write to the Oxford Lesbian & Gay Centre, Northgate Hall, St Michaels St., Oxford, OX1.

London: Bi Women's Group meets 1st Thursday (newcomers & 'coming out' session), 2nd & 4th Thursday, & 3rd Saturday of the month. All women very welcome. At Wesley House, LWC, Wild Court, Holborn. Write to BM-LBWG, London WC1N 3XX.

London: Group meets Fridays, 8.00pm., London Friend, Caledonian Rd., N1. Write to BM/BI, London, WC1N 3XX.

London: Bisexuals at Partners; social event for bisexuals in S. London. Tuesdays, 8.30pm., Partners Wine Bar, 305 Kennington Rd., London, SE11. Phone 071 582 9900 to confirm details.

London: BiONIC- Bisexuals Organising Noise, Insurrection, & Confrontation. Meetings of 'left-wing' politically minded bisexuals angry at invisibility & bigotry. Write to:- BiONIC c/o BM LBWG, London, WC1N 3XX.

Bristol: Freedom of Sexuality Group meet 1st. Thursday of each month, 7.00–10.00pm, at the Easton Community Centre. Contact Al on 0272 444254, or Paul on 0272 541409 (daytimes).

Eastbourne: Support group for bisexuals & their allies. Write c/o Brighton Bisexual Society, or contact Michelle on 0424 438471.

Brighton: Bisexual society meets in term time, all welcome. SSAE to Bisexual Society, c/o Students Union, Brighton Polytechnic, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9PH.

In-Formation

Wiltshire & surrounding. Social gettogethers for people wanting to start a bisexual group, contact Robin Peck, No. 9 Calstone, nr Calne, Wilts. SN11 8PY. 0249 812676.

Birmingham Bisexual Group – for men & women. For details write with SSAE to BBG c/o Bifrost.

Croydon (Caterham / Purley / Coulsdon etc.), write to Leanne, CSBG c/o Bifrost. Discretion assured.

Aberdeen Bisexual Group, contact Sean, ABG c/o Bifrost.

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For people with access to computer electronic mail:

BIACT-L, BIACT-L@BROWNVM.BITNET [computer electronic mail on issues of bisexual activism. Anyone with access to the BITNET or Internet system may subscribe. International participation. LISTSERV@BROWNVM.BITNET or LISTSERV@BROWNVM.BROWN.EDU requesting information re: subscribing to the BIACT-L list]

BIMEDIA



Any Thing That Moves.

Magazine of the Bay Area Bisexual Network:-2404 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94115,USA Bi Focal -- Anything But Shortsighted.

Newsletter of the Christchurch Bisexual Group:-PO Box 1372, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Bi Focus.

Newsletter for the Philadelphia Bisexual Community:-PO Box 30372, Philadelphia, PA 19103 USA. BIFROST.

National Bisexual Newsletter for the United Kingdom: PO Box 117, Norwich NR1 2SU, United Kingdom. Bi-Lines.

Newsletter of the Wellington Bisexual Women's Group:- PO Box 5145, Wellington, New Zealand. BiNet Newsletter.

Newsletter of the Bisexual Network of the USA:-BiNet. 584 Castro Street #441, San Francisco, CA 94114-2588, USA.

National BIWAYS.

Newsletter of the Bisexual Movement in Australia:-Australian Bisexual Network, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland, Australia 4030, Wayne (07) 857 2774. Bi Women.

Newsletter of the Boston Bisexual Women's Network: 338 Newbury Street #2020, Boston, MA 02115, USA. Decidely Bi.

Newsletter or the New York Area Bisexual Network: c/-Jaye Fox, 942 47th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219, USA

North Bi Northwest.

Newsletter of the Seattle Bisexual Women's Network: PO Box 30645, Greenwood Station, Seattle, WA 98103-0645, USA.

The Bi Monthly.

Newsletter of the Champaign-Urbana Bisexual Network:- c/- Mc Kinley Foundation, 809 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, USA. SHAMAKAMI.

Newsletter for lesbian and bisexual women feminists of South Asian descent:- PO Box 281, Balmain, NSW 2040 or phone (02) 818 1468.

LISTINGS

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Bisexual Network.

National body for bisexual men, women and affiliated groups promoting bisexuality, bisexual rights, pride and advocacy for bisexuals. Produces *National Biways* a newsletter for the bisexual movement in Australia. PO Box 490, Lutwyche, QLD 4030.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

AIDS Helpline. (09) 227 8619. AIDS Youthline. (09) 328 2644.

Asians & Friends Perth.

A social & support group for gay & bisexual Asian men and friends organised by WAAC, (09) 2278355.

Bisexual & Married Gay Men's Group. A social & support group organised by the WA AIDS Council. ring Mondays (09) 328 2656.

GALE.

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality - addressing issues of discrimination, equal opportunity, bashings, police harassment, violence against lesbians, gays and bisexuals in Western Australia. PO Box 912, West Perth. W.A. 6005.

Curtin Stonewall Club.

A social support group for lesbian, gay and bisexual students at Bentley Campus, Curtin University of Technology, Kent Street, Bentley, W.A. 6102. Ring (09) 351 2907 12 - 2pm M - F during semesters.

ACT UP (Perth).

A non-partisan diverse group of people united in anger to end the AIDS crisis. PO Box 231 Northbridge, W.A. 6003.

Police Liason Officer for the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community in Western Australia, phone Segt. Wayne Goodsell (09) 458 2656 to report police harassment.

Western Australian Bisexual Network.

Perth Bisexual Guys' Group Perth Bisexual Women's Group Perth Mixed Group Perth Bi & Gay Fathers' Group

PO Box 8378, Perth Stirling Street, Perth, WA 6849. Contact Les - (09) 227 9292 a/h or Bill (Fathers Group) - (09) 271 4171 a/h.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Bisexual And Married Homosexual Men's Group. A social support group organised by the AIDS Council of South Australia. PO Box 907, Norwood, S.A. 5067, ph (08) 362 3106; a/h 7-10pm (08) 362 3223.

Second Story Youth Centre.

Services and support groups for young people including bisexual youth. 57 Hyde Street, Adelaide City, SA 5000. ph (08) 232 0233.

South Australian Bisexual Network.

Social and political network for bisexual women, men and friends. Write: SABN, PO Box 3391, Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.
Contact Margaret (08)344 6146.

VICTORIA.

Australian Bisexual Men's Association. Social/support groups for bisexual men and married bisexual/gay men and their wives. GAMMA PROJECT offers telephone and face to face counselling for bisexual men and their partners, a resource library. 14A Churchill Street, Mont Albert, Victoria 3127. ph (03) 890 1068.

GAMMA Melbourne.

Social and support group for married gay/bisexual men, meets at Collingwood Community Health Centre, cnr. Sackville Street, Hoddle St. entrance, 8pm last Monday each month. write PO Box 41, Richmond, Victoria 3121.

La Trobe Bi-Friendly Group.

A social/support group for bisexual & bi-friendly students at La Trobe University. Write:- c/- S.R.C, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3083.

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BISEXUAL WOMEN'S GROUP. [founded 1992] Write: Gwen Riles (BWG), Megumi-so 202, 5-16-11 Maeno-cho, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 174, Japan

Social/support group for married gay men who wish to remain married. PO Box 441, Malvern, VIC. 3144.

Geelong Social & Support Group.

Social/support group for gay and bisexual men. Write PO Box 596, Belmont, VIC 3216. ph (03) 43 9438.

Alternative Connections.

Social club for gay and bisexual men in the Hamilton District. Write to AC-DC, PO Box 366, Hamilton, VIC. 3300.

Gippsland Gay People's Support Group. Social/support group for gay, lesbian & bisexual people in the Gippsland District. Write PO Box 848, Morwell, VIC. 3840. ph (051) 34 6117.

Gav and lesbian youth support group in the Shepparton District operates the Country Scene Information Line 0055, 13159 (25cents/21.4sec) Write to Scene, PO Box 904, Shepparton, VIC. 3630.

Multicultural Gay Support Group.

Social & support group for gay (& bisexual?) men from multicultural backgrounds. Write PO Box 1052, Elsternwick, VIC. 3185.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Love Is Boundless. now Sydney Bisexual Support Network and women and friends in and around Sydney New South Wales. Write:-SB.S.N., PO Box 1827, Macquarie Centre, NSW 2113. Contact Adrian Millar (02)888 9856.

GAMMA (NSW).

Social and support group for married, divorced gay/bisexual men meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 197 Albion Street, Surrey Hills, NSW 2010. ph 6-10pm on (02) 360 9810 or (008) 80 4617.

Queer Collaborations.

National network for non-heterosexual/queer students. Write c/- Lesbain & Gay Officers, Students' Representative Council. Level 1, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

Canberra Bi-link.

Support/social group for married gay and bisexual women. Write PO Box 522, Dickson, ACT 2602.

QUEENSLAND.

Queensland Bisexual Network.

Brisbane Bisexual Group

A social support and political group for bisexual men and women. Write: - QBN (Brisbane), PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Qld 4030. Contact Wayne (07)857 2774 a/h.

NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch Bisexual Group. PO Box 1372, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Wellington Bisexual Women's Group. PO Box 5145, Wellington, New Zealand.

Wellington Gay & Bi Dads' Group. Contact John Boyd 885 5992 or write PO Box 10-245, Wellington, New Zealand

RUSSIA.

Moscow Bi-Sex Club. PO Box N3, Moscow 123308, Russia. THE NETHERLANDS.

Vereniging Landelijk Network Bisexualiteit. Postbus 75087, 1070 AB Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

UNITED KINGDOM.

National newsletter and information for the UK. Write PO Box 117, Norwich NR1 2SU, United Kingdom.

Edinburgh Bisexual Group.

Operates the Bisexual Pen Pals Ssheme and houses Bisexual Archives. 58a Broughton Street, Edinburgh EH1 3SA, Scotland.

London Bisexual Group. Write BM/BI, London WC1N 3XX, United Kingdom.

London Bisexual Women's Group. Write BM/LBWG, London WC1N 3XX, UK.

For information on other UK Bi groups contact WA Bisexual Network.

GERMANY.

Social support and political group for bisexual men BINE - BISEXUELLES NETZWERK e.V., Postfach 1134, 0-1136, Berlin. [Contact addrses for bi groups in the following cities: Berlin, Bonn, Bremen, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Essen, Freiburg, Hagen, Hamburg, Cologne, Magdeburg, Munich, Postdam, Recklinghausen and Wuppertal]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Bisexual Network of the USA.

BiNet, national organisation for the USA. Write:-584 Castro Street #441, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA.

Bi Unity.

PO Box 42106, Philadelphia, PA 19101, USA.

Seattle Bisexual Women's Network. PO Box 30645, Greenwood Station, Seattle, WA 98103-0645, USA.

Portland Bisexual Women's Group. PO Box 10863, Portland, OR 97210 USA.

East Coast Bisexual Network.

2nd Floor, 338 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

Bi Connection.

PO Box 13158, Minneapolis, MN 55414, USA.

For other USA Bi groups see Media Listings.

CANADA.

Bi-Focus.

PO Box 34172 Post Office D, Vancover, BC, Canada V6J 4N1.

Ontario Bisexual Network.

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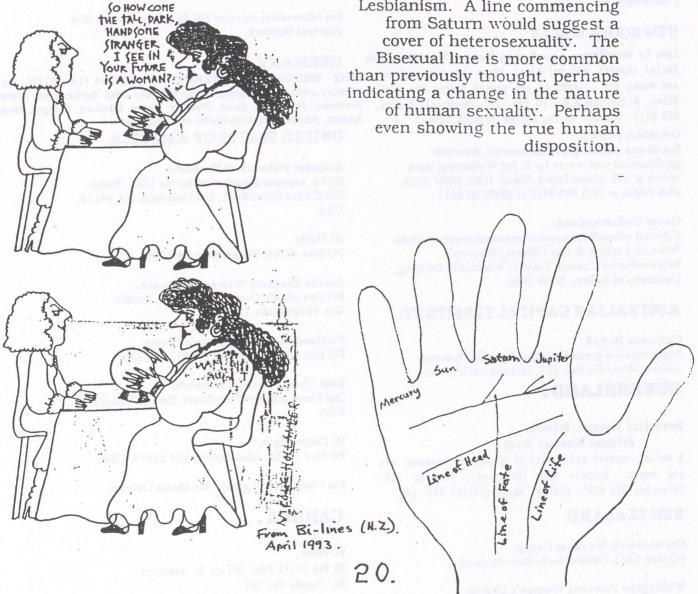
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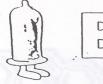
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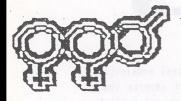
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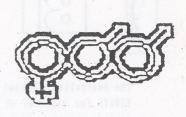
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